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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 3683

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TAGS: EFIN, MCAP, NATO, IT

SUBJECT: BURDENSARING: MORO REPLY TO SECRETARY'S LETTER

REF: STATE 37026

FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING REPLY FROM  
MINISTER MORO TO THE SECRETARY'S LETTER OF FEB. 26 ON BURDEN-  
SHARING (REFTEL): BEGIN TEXT.

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"DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

IN RELATION TO THE MESSAGE YOU SENT ME, THROUGH AMBASSADOR VOLPE, ON FEBRUARY 26, 1974, I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES RELATING TO THE COMMON DEFENSE HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN THE SUBJECT OF OUR ATTENTION IN BOTH THE NATIONAL AND MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORKS.

WE ARE QUITE CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT IN RELATION TO THE LASTING PRESENCE IN EUROPE OF U.S. FORCES, TO WHICH WE ATTACH A NOTABLE POLITICAL-MILITARY IMPORTANCE. IT IS ALSO IN THE LIGHT OF THIS PROVISION OF THE CONGRESS THAT WE ARE ACTIVELY ENDEAVORING IN THE EUROGROUP, IN CONCERT WITH THE OTHER ALLIES, TO ARRIVE AT FORMULAE WHICH CONCILIATE THE U.S. REQUIREMENTS WITH THOSE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THIS IS NOT EASY TO DO BECAUSE, AS YOU HAVE RIGHTLY POINTED OUT, THE PRESENT CHANGED ECONOMIC SITUATION PUTS THE PROBLEM IN QUITE DIFFERENT TERMS FROM THOSE WHICH MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE EURO-AMERICAN DIALOGUE ON THAT SUBJECT. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ITALY DOES NOT CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION ON THE MULTILATERAL PLANE. I HAVE SUBMITTED, FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES, YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MILITARY ORDERS.

I ALSO HOPE OUR LASTING COLLABORATION IN THIS FIELD WILL ALLOW US TO AVOID CONSEQUENCES DETRIMENTAL TO OUR COMMON SECURITY INTERESTS. YOURS SINCERELY, A. MORO" VOLPE

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